

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 9th 2007**

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## **SSB Field Day**

The SSB Field Day, held last weekend, seems to have attracted only one EI entry. Shannon Basin Club, using the call sign EI3Z/P, operated from the grounds of Garbally College. Propagation on the high bands during the weekend was generally poor – the club had no QSO's on 10 metres and just a few on 15 metres. 20 metres produced some excellent DX at times, but suffered from deep fading at other times. Weather conditions were good for the field day station and the operators and visitors to the site enjoyed a barbecue on Saturday evening, prepared by Tony EI3HA.

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## **Counties Contest**

All who participated in the 2 metre counties contest, even those who gave out just a few points, are encouraged to send in their logs to the Contest Manager. The latest date for log entry is the 25th of September.

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## **CQIR**

September is well upon us and our premier international event for our Jubilee year, the CQIR Contest is just around the corner.

A quick Internet search will demonstrate just how much interest there is in the event from the international radio community. We hope your plans for the event are well advanced and we have set ourselves an ambitious target to have 250 EI and GI stations on the bands for part or all of the weekend. This is more of a QSO party than a contest so we would encourage the non-contesters to get involved and fly the flag for Ireland and the Society on the 29th and 30th next.

EI75IRTS will be QRV for the event with the LF nighttime operation from the EI7M site in Cork and a HF station for the Press located in the Phoenix Park in Dublin. In respect of the Dublin station, we are anxious to have some young operators on the operating team. If you are between 15 and 25 years of age, licensed or not, and are interested in helping out, please contact Paul EI2CA on 087 2523908 or email “paul at comma dot ie”.

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## **EI0MAR**

Tony, EI5EM, has updated and expanded the information booklet about the Vintage Radio Museum in Howth. As well as being a guide to the museum, the booklet is a potted history of the development of wireless technology. It details the 1903 and 1905 experiments carried out in Howth by Lee de Forest and the Marconi Company, and quotes from documents published at the time. A full page reproduction of the Dublin Penny Journal's report on de Forest's 1903 experiments is reproduced in the booklet.

This 22-page booklet is on sale in the museum for a small sum, but it can now be downloaded free from a link at the bottom of the museum website which is [ei5em.110mb.com/museum.html](http://ei5em.110mb.com/museum.html) . The website can also be easily located from the Google search engine with the keywords "museum, wireless, Howth."

EI75IRTS has been QRV from the museum for the last three weekends, mainly on 20-metres CW. The call-sign will also be QRV today (9 Sept.) and if conditions are favourable, the 40-metre band will be the main focus, SSB and CW.

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## **Limerick Radio Club**

The next meeting of the Club will be on the Thursday 11th of October at the usual venue, the Limerick Institute of Technology, Moylish at 19:30 hrs local time. All those interested are welcome to attend.

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## **Theory Classes**

There is a free course for the forthcoming radio theory exam running in the Ballyroan Community centre, Marian Rd, hosted by South Dublin Radio Club. It is held between eight and ten p.m. on Tuesday evenings. Also there will be a course held in Crossakiel, Kells held on a Wednesday 8:30 to 10:30, hosted by the newly founded CARA club (Crossakiel Amateur Radio Association).

Also anyone interested in radio will find a visit to the clubs enjoyable. Call Michael (EI2GKB) on 0872481970 for details.

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## **Upcoming Rallies**

Cork Radio Club Rally will take place on Sunday the 23rd of September in the

Blarney Park Hotel. For information contact Con on 021-427136.

The Waterford Rally will take place on Sunday the 21st of October in the Woodlands Hotel, Waterford. For more information visit [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com)

The Foyle and District Rally will take place on Sunday the 4th of November 2007 at the White Horse Hotel, Derry. For more information visit [www.mn0aku.org.uk](http://www.mn0aku.org.uk)

The Mayo Radio Rally will take place on Sunday the 18th of November in the Belmont Hotel, Knock, Co. Mayo. For more information contact Padraic Baynes, EI9JA @ QTHR.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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